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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF  
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case. No fee or certification is required.

Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

For the relevance of the listed non-English language reference, the examiner's attention is drawn to the enclosed Standard Search report. For the relevance of the listed non-English language reference, the examiner's attention is drawn to the enclosed Standard Search report, wherein the document EP 0 730 362 has been placed in category "A", meaning that, in the opinion of the European Searching Authority, it relates to the general technological field of the invention.

REMARKS

A copy of each of the above-identified information is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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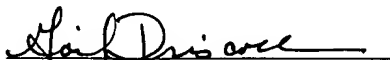
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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

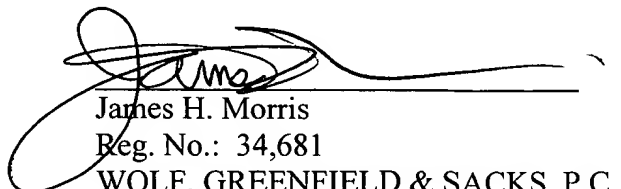
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